

one of the most asinine things that has ever come before the Legislature. People are not paying any attention. They're absolutely not concerned about it. They're going to pass it and shove it down the throats of the people that are home because the lobbyists of certain groups have got it set up, they've got it greased and it's going to go. Senator Schmit made a statement that was absolutely false. If nobody is going to pay attention, little do I care. Go home and tell the people that you are not interested in what you could do for them, you are interested in only reading and visiting about something else.

PRESIDENT: Senator Simon.

SENATOR SIMON: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I really wanted to address my remarks to Senator Lamb, but, Senator Schmit, I'll address them to you and to anybody else. It's not a question, just a comment. As you know, Senator Schmit, I am supporting 518. I'm not wild about it, I'm not going to talk in favor of it, but I am going to support the bill. I would just say that I appreciate your negative vote I deeply resent any actions by any member of this body to try and ram something through in terms of calling for the question on something as substantial as the amendment that Senator Lewis has to offer. I would strongly suggest, although my vote is only one, that those people that are in favor of 518 would allow reasonable debate to take place when substantive amendments are offered, such as this one, and that if they continue to try and stifle debate, continue to try and ram something through then they're going to force me to change my vote. I say this to you, Senator Schmit, because you are the sponsor of the bill. I think you can understand it in the grain that it was intended. It is a rhetorical question, it's a rhetorical statement. Like I said, Senator Lamb, I'm going to say this again and I'm addressing this specifically to you, I am a supporter of this bill. I said that I would vote in favor of this bill, but I very deeply resent any efforts made by any member of this body to stifle debate when there is a substantive amendment like Senator Lewis has to offer. If this type of thing continues you will put me in a corner where I will vote against this bill because of that. I would appreciate allowing reasonable debate to take place on reasonable issues. It's a point of personal privilege on my part and, I think, for many of the people on this floor. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marvel.

SENATOR MARVEL: I'd like to make a comment, and then ask Senator Lewis a couple of questions based on the comment. I think there are two areas of financing that I'd like to visit about. This may elicit a response from Senator Schmit before it's over. When this whole proposal came up, a number of years ago, and I've got the original bills 1101 and 1201, it was promised that there would be 10 percent left on the books in the counties, so that there was some way that you could keep track of what the true valuation was in these categories, in this bill. Somebody will say, once again, don't you trust local officials. That is not the issue. We're here on a serious business matter. We have a right, when we vote, to send money back to the county, to have the system set up so the bookkeeping is air tight. I have heard no discussion that ties to this 10 percent figure. So I assume that Senator Frank Lewis is attempting to alleviate this particular problem. The other problem that has not been